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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF RUTLAND**

**BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**TENTATIVE TEXT OF PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT**  
**SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**CONSIDERATION AT JUNE 3, 2026 MEETING**

**ITEM 1**

**AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE XIX OF CHAPTER 220 (parking and loading areas)**

Article XIX of Chapter 220 (Zoning Ordinance) of the Rutland Charter Township Code pertaining to parking and loading areas is proposed to be amended to add a new § 220-19-9 reading as follows:

**"Section 19-9. Parking Variation.**

**Where it can be demonstrated the parking requirements of § 220-19-5 (Table of Parking Requirements) would result in more parking spaces than are necessary for the parking needs of a particular use the Planning Commission may approve a parking plan with fewer spaces than required, according to the following requirements:**

- A. The applicant must provide written evidence to the Planning Commission that the parking proposed on the site for the use is sufficient to meet the parking needs of those who will patronize the use as well as the parking needs for employees during the largest working shift. Such evidence may consist of: arrangements for nearby shared parking; evidence that the proposed use will also be patronized by pedestrians or by those using bus service or; evidence from the parking history of the proposed use or a use similar to the proposed use at other locations or; that there is sufficient space on the site for the required parking to be provided if it becomes necessary at a later time.**
- B. If a plan is approved to allow fewer parking spaces than otherwise required such parking plan shall only apply to the stated use. Any other use shall comply with the requirements of this chapter before an occupancy permit is issued or such use shall first obtain approval from the Planning Commission in accordance with § 220-19-9.A. above before an occupancy permit is issued."**